

Narrative Summary – May 2016

May 2016 was warmer than normal, averaging 65.1°F, 3.0° above normal (62.1°F). The warmest May (1947) averaged 68.7°F, while the coolest (1984) averaged 56.0°F. The following temperature records were established during May 2016:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>New Record</u>	<u>Old Record</u>	<u>Year</u>
3	High Maximum	91	91	1966
4	Low Maximum	59	57	1946

Precipitation for May 2016 totaled 0.20 inches, 39% of normal (0.51 inch). The wettest May (1972) received 2.03 inches, while the driest (1992 and earlier years) received only a trace. Total precipitation for 2016 (through May) is 3.29 inches, 101% of normal (3.27 inches).

The average wind speed for May 2016 was 9.5 miles per hour (mph), which was 0.7 mph above normal (8.8 mph). The windiest May (1983) averaged 10.7 mph, while the May with the lightest winds (1957) averaged 5.8 mph. The peak gust for May 2016 was 46 mph on May 26. The record wind gust for May was 71 mph in 1948.

Note: On May 21 around 5:00 pm, a small tornado touched down in Kennewick along 10th Avenue in association with a thunderstorm. Flooding, tree and roof damage, along with ¾ inch hail were reported.

The monthly climatological data summaries, as well as other information, are available on the Internet.

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Note: The data in this summary pertain specifically to the Hanford Meteorology Station (HMS), which is located approximately 25 miles northwest of Richland, WA. No attempt should be made to infer meteorological conditions at other locations from these data.